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Six World Golf Hall of Famers Book Tickets to Calgary for 2024 Rogers Charity Classic

Els, Goosen, Harrington, Montgomerie, Olazabal, Singh add names to tee sheet

CALGARY – Ernie Els will be joined by five other members from the World Golf Hall of Fame - ***Retief Goosen, Padraig Harrington, Colin Montgomerie, Jose Maria Olazabal and Vijay Singh*** – when he makes his first trip to the Rogers Charity Classic, August 14-18, 2024.

The marquee group adding their names to the Rogers Charity Classic tee sheet bring with them three Green Jackets, four U.S. Open titles, four Claret Jugs, three Wanamaker Trophy, and more than 200 victories worldwide.

“This incredible lineup has delivered countless memorable moments in our game throughout their illustrious careers, and I know are determined to put on another great show in Canada,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Rogers Charity Classic. “Having the opportunity to see them continue their careers on the PGA TOUR Champions, rekindles special moments for all of our spectators, but equally as important, they create new memories for young golf fans who take our event in each year.”

Ernie Els, inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2011, announced his commitment earlier this month. The former top-ranked player in the world has 78 professional victories to his name, including four major championships (2012, 2002 British Open and 1997, 1994 U.S. Open).

Retief Goosen, who was welcomed into the World Golf Hall of Fame during the 2019 U.S. Open, is a seven-time winner on the PGA TOUR including his U.S. Open triumphs in 2001 and 2004 and was awarded the European Tour Player of the Year in 2001.

“I played in Canada many times over the years, so it is nice to come out to this part of the world,” said Goosen, who has won three times on the PGA TOUR Champions. “I spent time out at Lake Louise and did a bit of the sightseeing stuff and climbing up and down the glaciers when I was there last. It’s a wonderful part of the country and the golf course was in great condition, so I am very much looking forward to getting back up there.”

Padraig Harrington headlined the 2024 World Golf Hall of Fame induction class in June. A three-time major winner, the Irishman brings 31 victories worldwide with him to the Rogers Charity Classic. Not only was Harrington the first player from Ireland to win the Claret Jug in 60 years (2007), but he was also the first European to successfully defend his British Open title in nearly a century the following summer (2008). A six-time Ryder Cup European Team Member added his third major title to his resume when he also won the 2008 PGA Championship which brought him to third in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Colin Montgomerie will be back in Calgary for a seventh time at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. The Scotsman was a second-place finisher at the 2015 Rogers Charity Classic. Arguably the greatest Ryder Cup player ever, Montgomerie is a winner of 53 professional tournaments. His first three

of six PGA TOUR Champions victories were major wins including the 2014 U.S. Senior Open.

“I enjoy all of the PGA TOUR Champions events, but this one is a special one,” said Montgomerie. “The course is absolutely perfect, and the tournament has given, not only me tremendous support, but is simply fantastic the way it treats all of the players. It has been voted the number one Tour event three times for a reason, and as long as I’m on this Tour, I’ll be participating in the Rogers Charity Classic.”

Another great Ryder Cup Hall of Famer, **José María Olazábal**, will make his second appearance in Calgary. Olazábal soared to the top of Spanish golf after racking up 30 wins worldwide while competing on both the European Tour and PGA TOUR. His major breakthrough came at the 1994 Masters where he captured his first of two Green Jackets. Olazabal put on a second Green Jacket five years later. He made his PGA TOUR Champions debut in 2017 after being sidelined nearly four years while battling a severe form of arthritis that made it difficult for him to even walk.

“This tournament is known for its deep roots in the community, and its tremendous power to influence children’s charities while making the world a better place for Canadian youth. As a player, hearing this charitable focus is very powerful, and that makes this an event you want to align yourself with,” said Olazábal, who won six times on the PGA TOUR and competed for Europe seven times at the Ryder Cup before captaining the biggest comeback in Ryder Cup history for the Europeans in 2012.

Vijay Singh brings additional firepower to the tee deck at Canyon Meadows. The Fijian has won more than 60 times worldwide including 34 wins on the PGA TOUR, 13 European Tour victories and five wins on both the PGA TOUR Champions and the Asian Tour. Capturing more wins than anyone after the age of 40, Singh has three Major titles throughout his illustrious career. He won the 2004 and 1998 PGA Championships and put on a Green Jacket after winning the 2000 Masters. Singh was the World Number 1 for 32 weeks between 2004 and 2005. He racked up 13 of his PGA TOUR victories during that two-year period — none more memorable for golf fans north of the border than when he topped Team Rogers athlete Mike Weir in a dramatic playoff duel at the Canadian Open.

The six pack of Hall of Famers in the 78-man field are sure to help tournament officials make a continued impact in supporting the more than 272 youth-based Alberta charities since its inception, raising more than \$100 million.

Rogers, the new title partner, kickstarted fundraising for the event’s charitable arm with a \$1 million donation. Now through the end of August 2024, [donations pledged through Rogers Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink](#) to participating charities are matched up to 50% through the program’s matching pool.

Tickets are now on sale for the 2024 Rogers Charity Classic. Rogers Charity Classic offers a variety of different packages for premier spectator and enhanced viewing and hosting experiences. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://rogerscharityclassic.com/buytickets/>.

About Rogers Charity Classic

Rogers Charity Classic hosts some of the greatest names in golf at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club in Calgary, Alberta each year. The field consists of stars from the PGA TOUR Champions who compete for US \$2.4 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. Led by a philanthropic



Patron Group along with title partner Rogers Communications, the annual PGA TOUR Champions stop in Canada showcases Calgary to the world through its broadcast on the Golf Channel. The Tournament has raised more than \$100 million since inception and helps thousands of Alberta youth annually through support to youth-based charities. For more information, please visit <https://rogerscharityclassic.com>. Follow Rogers Charity Classic at <facebook.com/rogerscharityclassic> and on X, formerly Twitter.

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